

**§ 931.52 Issuance of regulations.**

(a) The Secretary shall regulate, in the manner specified in this section, the handling of pears whenever he finds, from the recommendations and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, that such regulation will tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act. Such regulation may:

(1) Limit, during any period or periods, the shipment of any particular grade, size, quality, or pack, or any combination thereof, of any variety or varieties of pears grown in any district or districts of the production area;

(2) Limit the shipment of pears by establishing, in terms of grades, sizes, or both, minimum standards of quality during any period when the season average price is expected to exceed the parity level;

(3) Fix the size, capacity, weight, dimensions, or pack of the container, or containers, which may be used in packaging or handling of pears: *Provided*, That no regulations shall prohibit the use of the 14-pound box or the standard western pear box; and

(4) Prescribe requirements, as provided in this paragraph, applicable to exports of any variety of pears which are different from those applicable to the handling of the same variety to other destinations.

(b) The committee shall be informed immediately of any such regulation issued by the Secretary, and the committee shall promptly give notice thereof to growers and handlers.

**§ 931.53 Modification, suspension, or termination of regulations.**

(a) In the event the committee at any time finds that, by reason of changed conditions, any regulations issued pursuant to § 931.52 should be modified, suspended, or terminated, it shall so recommend to the Secretary.

(b) Whenever the Secretary finds, from the recommendations and information submitted by the committee or from other available information, that a regulation should be modified, suspended, or terminated with respect to any or all shipments of pears in order to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall modify, suspend, or terminate such regulation. On the same

basis and in like manner, the Secretary may terminate any such modification or suspension. If the Secretary finds that a regulation obstructs or does not tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall suspend or terminate such regulation. On the same basis and in like manner the Secretary may terminate any such suspension.

**§ 931.54 Special purpose and minimum quantity shipments.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person may, without regard to the provisions of § 931.41, § 931.52, § 931.53 and § 931.55, and the regulations issued thereunder, handle pears (1) for consumption by charitable institutions; (2) for distribution by relief agencies; or (3) for commercial processing into products.

(b) Upon the basis of recommendations and information submitted by the Committee, or from other available information, the Secretary may relieve from any or all requirements under or established pursuant to §§ 931.41, 931.52, 931.53, or 931.55, the handling of pears in such minimum quantities, in such types of shipments, including gift fruit shipments, or for such specified purposes (including shipments to facilitate the conduct of marketing research and development projects established pursuant to § 931.45) as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe.

(c) The committee shall, with the approval of the Secretary prescribe such rules, regulations, and safeguards as it may deem necessary to assure compliance with this section. Such rules, regulations, and safeguards may include the requirements that handlers shall file applications and receive approval from the committee for authorization to handle pears pursuant to this section. It may be required that such applications be accompanied by a certification by the intended purchaser or receiver that the pears will not be used for any purpose not authorized by this section.

**§ 931.55 Inspection and certification.**

Whenever the handling of any variety of pears is regulated pursuant to § 931.52 or § 931.53, each handler who handles pears shall, prior thereto,